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Committee Bill No. 6281

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
AWARENESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established an
2 organ and tissue donation awareness account which shall be a
3 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Any moneys
4 collected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for donations to the
5 organ and tissue awareness account pursuant to subsection (b) of
6 section 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
7 subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes, as amended by
8 this act, shall be deposited by the commissioner into the account. The
9 account may also include moneys received from public and private
10 sources, including the federal government.

11 (b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the
12 Department of Public Health or persons acting under a contract with
13 the department to: (1) Reimburse the Department of Motor Vehicles for
14 costs incurred to include notice on applications for motor vehicle
15 registration and renewal applications for motor vehicle registration of
16 the option to submit a donation to the fund and to collect such

17 donations from applicants, provided the amount for such costs
18 incurred shall not exceed ten thousand dollars and such
19 reimbursement shall occur not later than July 1, 2016; and (2) annually
20 allocate (A) not less than sixty-five per cent of the funds in the account
21 to a nonprofit organization that, as its sole mission, provides public
22 education for persons in the state concerning organ and tissue
23 donation and the state donor registry, maintained pursuant to section
24 14-42a of the general statutes for activities that include, but are not
25 limited to, (i) developing organ and tissue donation awareness
26 materials and providing such materials to members of the public, and
27 (ii) holding organ and tissue donation awareness events; (B) not more
28 than fifteen per cent of the funds in the account to the Department of
29 Motor Vehicles for costs incurred to promote donations to the fund
30 and collect such donations; and (C) not more than twenty per cent of
31 the funds in the account to the advisory council, established pursuant
32 to 19a-6m of the general statutes, for the purpose of organ and tissue
33 donor awareness programs, including, but not limited to,
34 implementation of an organ and tissue donation awareness program in
35 secondary schools and promotion of the organ and tissue awareness
36 account.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *October 1, 2015*):

40 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
41 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the
42 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such
43 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.
44 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the
45 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such
46 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Such
47 blanks shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a
48 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness
49 account, established pursuant to section 1 of this act, and allow for

50 payment of such donation.

51 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes is
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
53 *October 1, 2015*):

54 (a) A motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this chapter shall
55 expire in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner.
56 If the expiration date of the registration of the motor vehicle, except the
57 registration of a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire,
58 falls on any day when offices of the commissioner are closed for
59 business, the registration shall be deemed valid for the operation of the
60 motor vehicle until midnight of the next day on which offices of the
61 commissioner are open for business. The commissioner shall prescribe
62 the date and manner of renewing registrations. Not less than forty-five
63 days prior to the expiration of any valid registration, the department
64 shall send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner
65 determines, an application for renewal to the registrant. Such
66 application shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a
67 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness
68 account, established pursuant to section 1 of this act, and allow for
69 payment of such donation. In the case of a motor vehicle registered to
70 a leasing company licensed pursuant to section 14-15, the department
71 may send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner determines,
72 an application for renewal of a leased vehicle to the lessee of such
73 vehicle. The commissioner shall not be required to send or transmit a
74 registrant's or lessee's application by mail if the United States Postal
75 Service has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the
76 address for such person that is in the records of the department. Except
77 for the processing of such application at an official emissions
78 inspection station as provided in subsection (b) of this section or by
79 telephone as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the
80 commissioner may require that the application be returned
81 electronically or by mail in order to be processed and approved, with
82 only such exceptions, on a hardship basis, as shall be established by

83 the commissioner in regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-12(b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-22(a)

PH *Joint Favorable*